

3. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

The present application was filed on August 5, 2003 with claims 1-14. A non-final Office Action was mailed October 4, 2004. Appellants filed a response to the non-final Office Action on December 30, 2004. A final Office Action was mailed May 6, 2005. Appellants filed a response to the final Office Action on August 3, 2005. Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal in response to the final Office Action on September 6, 2005. An Advisory Action was mailed September 12, 2005. Appellants filed a response to the Advisory Action on October 3, 2005. Appellants filed an Appeal Brief on November 7, 2005. An Examiner's Answer was mailed January 26, 2006. Appellants filed a Reply Brief on March 27, 2006. A Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed July 28, 2006. Appellants filed a Substitute Appeal Brief on August 28, 2006. An Examiner's Answer was mailed February 8, 2007. Appellants filed a Reply Brief on April 9, 2007. A Decision on Appeal was mailed December 10, 2007. Appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination and a Request to Reopen Prosecution on February 11, 2008, adding new claims 15-24 and canceling claim 2 without prejudice. A Notice of Abandonment was mistakenly mailed February 19, 2008. Appellants filed a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment on April 16, 2008. A Decision on the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment was mailed October 20, 2008. A non-final Office Action was mailed October 23, 2008. Appellants filed a response to the non-final Office Action on January 19, 2009, adding new claim 25. A final Office Action was mailed March 9, 2009. Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal on September 9, 2009.

Claim 2 is cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-25 stand rejected, remain pending, and are the basis for this Appeal.